At present, the vaccines required for the Immunisation Programme except Polio Vaccine are being manufactured within the country and it is hoped that by mid 1992 Oral Polio Vaccine will also be fully produced indigenously.

Neonatal Treatment

644. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the neonatal death rate in India;

(b) whether the country is self-sufficient in the production of neonatal equipments like Neonatal Incubator;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what measures are proposed to be taken to meet the requirements?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) According to the latest estimate, neonatal mortality rate at national level as obtained from Sample Registration System of the Registrar General of India for the year 1987 is 57.7 per thousand live births.

(b) to (d) Neonatal equipments like incubators are produced indigenously in the country. In addition, to assist newborn care units of district and sub-district hospitals and medical colleges, equipment received from UNICEF and WHO have also been supplied to 70 institutions.

Suggestion made by late GM of HMT Factory, Srinagar to declare Lockout

645. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that late Shri H. L. Khera, G.M., H.M.T., Srinagar had urged Government to declare lockout in the factory on 3rd April, 1990, due to violence in the valley; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government forced him to keep the factory running;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken for the safety and security of the factory in Srinagar?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer given in (a) and (b) above.

(d) The safety and security of HMT Watch Factory at Srinagar is under the charge of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). Amongst various steps, measures have also been taken to strengthen security further by intensifying the patrolling in and around the factory.

Mis-appropriation of Public Money by M/s. Laxmichand Bhagaji Limited

646. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that M/s. LaxmAichand Bhagaji Limited a non-banking financial company has stopped functioning and siphoned off large amount of money of small epositors running into crores of rupees; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have initiated any action against the company to recover the depositors' money; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) The Government has received a number of complaints from the depositors against